

## Thompson Community Update, Coronavirus/COVID-19

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Dear Friends,

As the COVID-19 situation develops, we are in regular contact with our town(s) emergency planning teams, the Vermont Department of Health district office in White River Junction, and the Department of Aging and Independent Living. The decision if and when to close the Thompson will be made with the support and guidance of these experts. In the meantime, we are building awareness with our patrons about washing hands, avoiding crowds, staying home as much as possible, planning for extra food and medicine, being aware of resources, and knowing where to find accurate information.

We have cancelled all large gatherings at the center but are continuing our lunches and smaller classes for the coming days. We are preparing for the day when we may not be able to gather at the center.

The Thompson staff will continue to serve our patrons while they are at home, delivering meals, providing daily phone chats with any patron who would like to visit, and coordinating what programs we can online or via conference call. We are recording our exercise classes now so we can provide them on Facebook and on our local access TV, channel 8.

Throughout this process, The Thompson staff will be at the center to arrange for any support our patrons may need. Please reach out if you have a concern or question.

Sincerely,

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